

**CITY OF MILWAUKIE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 20, 2001**

**Call to Order**

The 1858<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Milwaukie City Council was called to order by Council President King at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. The following Councilors were present:

Larry Lancaster

Brian Newman

Staff present:

Mike Swanson,  
City Manager Pro Tem  
Martha Bennett,  
Assistant City Manager  
Gary Firestone,  
City Attorney  
Alice Rouyer,  
Planning Director

Michelle Gregory,  
Neighborhood Services Manager  
Jason Wachs,  
Program Specialist  
Jay Saatkamp,  
Operations Supervisor

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, SPECIAL REPORTS, AND AWARDS**

**2001 Quality Team Presentation**

**Wachs** introduced Danielle Grimes, Allegra Molatore, Sharen Azar, Lindsay Jonasson, and Nathan Liebenstein, the 2001 Clackamas High School Quality Team members. The Team presented its recommendations for solving downtown Milwaukie parking problems.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**It was moved by Councilor Newman and seconded by Councilor Lancaster to adopt the Consent Agenda consisting of:**

- A. City Council Minutes of February 26 and March 5 & 6, 2001;**
- B. Portland Water Intertie Bid Award**

**Motion passed unanimously among the members present.**

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

**Dick Jones** felt the City Council should encourage the School Board to postpone demolition of the Washington Street house so it could be relocated.

**Council President King** said the City Council approved a letter from the Design and Landmarks Commission to the School District to do this.

**Sharon Phillips** and **Sharon Van Horn** updated the Council on Festival Daze plans.

**Patty Wisner**, 3325 SE Wister Street, Milwaukie, Lake Road NDA. Rich Peterson's proposal to purchase the Washington Street house was accepted by the School Board. He intends to use it as a commercial building, but the intended lot is in the recently rezoned downtown area which may cause some delays. Peterson is working with the planning department, but timing is critical because the School District wants the structure gone by May 1. She urged the Council to do whatever it could to help preserve the house.

**Rouyer** explained there are certain mandated notification timelines that must be met in zoning applications, so it is more than a matter of adjusting schedules. Typically, an application takes 45 - 90 days. If the application were filed this week, the soonest it could go to the Planning Commission for hearing is May 8. If the applicant requests a zone change, the Council makes the final decision. She suggested Peterson meet with planning staff in a pre-application session to lay out the timelines.

**Wisner** informed Bill Dierdorff, North Clackamas School District #1, there were some zoning issues that needed to be addressed, and the District deadline would likely not be met. She stressed to him this is a community interest issue, and many people hope to see the house moved rather than demolished. Unofficial indications are the District will not demolish the house on May 1, so, based on what she has heard, there is a hint the District might be flexible and act as a community partner. She suggested residents write to Dierdorff asking for the additional time.

**Rich Peterson**, 715 NW Territorial Road, Canby. His contact with the planning department indicated his proposal did not meet the recently adopted downtown zoning requirements. He understands he could request a variance, but the process would exceed the District's removal deadline. The issue seems to be the amount of square footage and the required number of parking spaces. Peterson did not want to pay the \$2,600 application fee without some assurance the timelines would be adjusted.

**Firestone** said there is no application at this time, but, if the issue does come before Council, any discussion must be disclosed. It is important that the Council not to pre-judge the issue and state its position on the potential application. This is not the time to decide the merits of the proposal. It is, however, appropriate for the Council to direct staff to act expediently.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Board and Commission Appointments**

**Council President King**, with consensus of Council made the following appointments:

1. Budget Committee: Peter Koonce and Art Ball;
2. Design and Landmarks Commission: Brent Carter and Paul Klein;
3. Library Board: Sue Trotter;
4. Planning Commission: Howard Steward and Judith Borden; and
5. Traffic Safety Board: Susan Stone and Gene Covey.

### **Budget Committee Meeting**

The Budget Committee will hold its first meeting on March 21, 2001, at 5:30 p.m. in the Public Safety Building. Swanson will present the requested departmental budgets.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**It was moved by Councilor Newman and seconded by Councilor Lancaster to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously among the members present.**

**Council President King** adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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Pat DuVal, Recorder